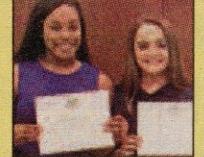


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Begins its tour around the state in March  
Bicentennial traveling exhibit coming to Elba in July 2018

Celebrating 200 years of statehood the "Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit" showcases Alabama's history through stories, interactive displays, programming and local exhibits.

The Alabama Humanities Foundation, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Archives and History and the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, is presenting the statewide exhibit, set to start in March of 2018, running through November 2019 — just before the 200th anniversary of Alabama becoming a state. The traveling exhibit will tour all 67 of Alabama's counties, offering up to three-week engagements in each host community.

The exhibit is set to open in Coffee County at the National Security Conference Center in Elba from Wednesday, July 4, through Wednesday, July 25.

"We are honored to get to host this exhibit in Coffee County," said Chamber executive director Sandy Bynum. "This is a significant event for our state and for the Bicentennial celebration. We look forward to the opening in Montgomery in March and Coffee County's participation July 4-25 at the National Security Insurance Conference Center."

Visitors will read about Alabama history and culture, they will hear, see and feel examples of it through use of audio clips and photo collages — new artwork

composed of historic images from maps, photographs, postcards, book covers and so on. The goal is for "Making Alabama" to excite interest in Alabama history, reflect its rich diversity of cultures and get people thinking about the future.

The exhibit features eight periods of history that defined Alabama as a state, stories behind people, places and culture that made a difference in Alabama, exhibits created by host communities, Alabama-made documen-

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## NEWS BRIEF:

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, at approximately 4 p.m., members of the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force, assisted by ALEA, executed a search warrant in the 200 block of Sommers Brooke Way, Enterprise, Ala.

According to Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, METH (ICE) and Drug Paraphernalia were recovered during the search. The owner of the residence, 39-year-old John Middlebrook Sterling, was taken into custody and charged with possession with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FROM ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ARE SHOWN WITH COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** following Monday's meeting where the commission proclaimed February as "Career Technical Education Month" for all schools in the county. The Elba students in attendance for Monday's meeting included (front, from left): Dalton Streetman, Desten Coone, Jesse Blackmon, Tiffany Campbell, Brittany Lane, Deniya Wilkerson, Caleb Foster, John Martin Wilson, Lauren Haley, Chandler Coppage, Jace Hudson, Maggie Hammonds, and Lynsey Manning. Commissioners (standing in the back) include: Kim Ellis, Al Britt, Tom Grimsley, Dean Smith, Jimmy Jones, Josh Carnley, and Jim Thompson.

## Commission proclaims February as Career Tech Education month

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners began their meeting Monday morning, Feb. 12, by approving a resolution to recognize February as Career Technical Education Month in Coffee County.

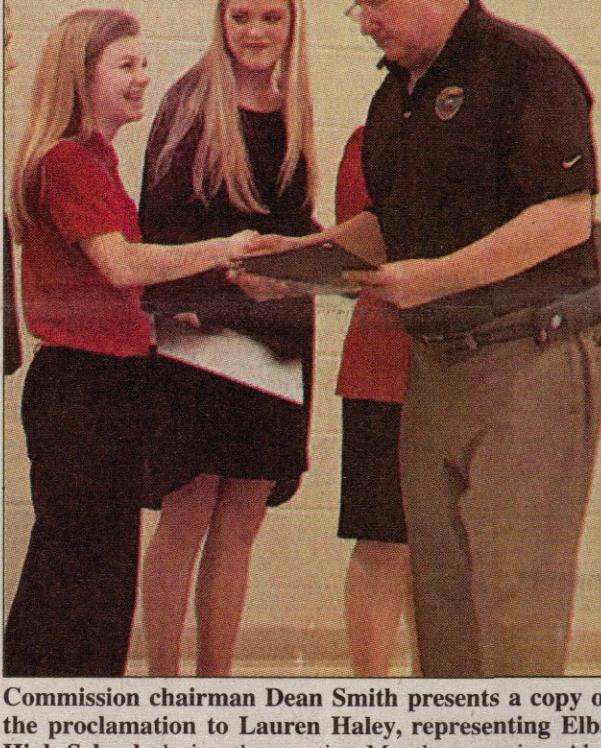
Students, teachers and administrators from the three school systems in the county (Elba, Enterprise and Coffee County) were in attendance for this. After reading the proclamation, chairman Dean Smith presented a copy to a representative from each of the five participating schools (Elba, Enterprise, Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton).

The proclamation noted that career technical education programs provide valuable career and life skills to students, and commissioners applauded the teachers, students and administrators for their commitment to these programs.

During the meeting, each commissioner commended the Career Tech group for their commitment to the programs, and encouraged them to continue to work hard to achieve their goals.

Also during the meeting, commissioners heard from Greg Piland from the Alabama Forestry local office. He discussed many

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Commission chairman Dean Smith presents a copy of the proclamation to Lauren Haley, representing Elba High School, during the meeting Monday morning. Also shown (in the back) is Brooklyn Norris, representing Zion Chapel Schools. Smith presented a copy of the proclamation to all five high schools in the county - Elba, Zion Chapel, New Brockton, Kinston, and Enterprise.

## Philip Box announces candidacy for Coffee County Coroner office

Philip Box announced this week he is seeking his first term as Coffee County Coroner but is not new to the job.

Box served as Chief Deputy Coroner (appointed 2011) and has served the people of Coffee County in many other ways as well. He currently serves as the minister for the Elba Church of Christ where he led Elba's flood relief efforts and is involved in



other community development projects like Restoration154. Box served with the Butler County and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Offices, and currently serves on the state of Alabama S-MORT team (State Mortuary Operations Response Team). He is a member of the Alabama Funeral Directors Association, holds an Alabama Funeral Directors License, is a certified chaplain, and a certified Rescue Scuba Diver.

Box attended Troy

## At Coffee County Republicans meeting held Monday night in Enterprise Sheriff Dave Sutton officially kicks off re-election campaign

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton addressed a large crowd Monday evening, Feb. 12, at the Coffee County Republicans meeting in Enterprise, and during that time, he officially announced his intent to seek a fourth term as Sheriff of Coffee County.

Sutton began his presentation by providing several statistics for the sheriff's office during his time in office.

During his three terms as sheriff, Sutton said the office had received 122,931 civil papers and

served 123,630; received 25,521 warrants and served

25,147; taken 9,354 complaint reports and made 13,256 arrests; and he said the office had made 2,021 drug arrests since he became sheriff.

Sutton said his deputies had logged over 5 million patrol miles, and corrections mileage logged has been 667,018 miles during his time as sheriff.

As for the county jail, the sheriff said it recently

underwent a renovation, and prior to that renovation,

the capacity was 124 inmates. He said the current capacity is 156 inmates, and the jail has an average daily population of

135 inmates.

One thing Sutton said a

sheriff must be able to do is manage a budget. He said he manages a \$3.6 million operations budget. He said he is proud that with five audits by the Alabama Department of Examiners during his tenure as sheriff, there have been no findings on any of those audits.

Sutton said continuing education also is important for his deputies to stay on top of the daily needs for the community, and he said 6,280 hours of continuing education had been completed with him as sheriff.

Positive additions to the sheriff's office that Sutton said he is proud of include: six additional deputies, six additional corrections deputies, two school resources officers, two additional courthouse security deputies, a civil process server, five certified reserve deputies, one additional non-sworn clerk,

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## Elba 10U boys basketball team wins another tourney



The Elba Recreation's Boys 10U basketball team did it again last weekend when they won the Elba 10U Basketball Tournament held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elba High School gymnasium. The Elba boys beat Opp 45-33 and Evergreen 40-37 [in the finals] to earn the tourney trophy. Those pictured above include (front, l to r): Jayce Kidd, Javante Griggs, Brody Streetman, Ledell Ousley Jr., Easton McElvay, Aaron Maloy, and Jay Wilson; (standing, l to r): Coach Jada Gray, Emanuell Cooks, Jacob Watkins, Head Coach Dexter Watkins, Alvin Henderson, Brady Johnson, Jordan Hammonds, Trace Grantham, and Coach Keith Grantham. Not pictured: Jihadd Brooks.

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## Area Happenings:

**REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL (AND T-BALL) SEASON** for the Elba Parks and Recreation. Registration ends Thursday, Feb. 15th. The cost is \$35 per participant (\$55 for 2 and \$70 for 3 or more participants). Contact the Elba Recreation Department at (334) 897-6833 for more information. Registration can be completed in person at the Rec Center or online at [www.elbarecreation.com](http://www.elbarecreation.com).

**THE ELBA LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be Saturday, March 3, from 6-10 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens building [on the square] in Elba. The cost will be a \$5 donation per plate for this annual fundraiser.

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## NOTICE:

Due to our attendance at a day-long conference, The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, Feb. 16 (tomorrow). The office will be open at 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19th.

## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you." — Will Rogers

A couple of weeks ago we noted that city hall was clamping up about any details on the source of the funds used to give Elba electric power users a nice credit on their latest bill. Well they are still mum. Those of you who have asked "when are you going to print 'the rest of the story'?" . . . well the answer is we don't know but are not giving up this easily. The latest answer Tuesday afternoon was that some out-of-town attorney has advised them to say nothing. Stay tuned dear readers.

Folks the qualifying deadline has passed and all the candidates Alabama voters will have to select from have stepped forward, put their name on the dotted line and will soon be on the campaign trail in earnest. We were surprised to see some incumbents didn't choose to seek re-election, other races got no, or token opposition, and then there are several races that have a bushel basket full of potential winners. There are candidates on the upcoming ballot that we just could not vote for at all yet we defend their right to seek public office. Some of those we would not support under any conditions will be elected — and do a good job. We also salute all those who signed the forms and paid their qualifying fees because by stepping up and offering themselves as public servants they are continuing a practice that has kept America free — and great for over 200 years.

Again this week we found our emotions defending President Trump. Oh, we are not trying to change our vote, but dear readers a stopped clock is correct twice a day. One of the 24-hour news channels was discussing some recent Trump comment, etc., and went on and on and on with it. As we clicked around the channels hunting something interesting to watch, their ranting continued. The Trump comment was something that could have been as innocent as someone commenting about the weather but according to that roundtable of grumblers it was proof positive that he should be taken before the firing squad or something like that (but only after hours of waterboarding). There is more of that type ranting, and more vicious, than there was during the Obama years.

The Choc Pea Watershed folks, working out of Troy, have released the records of January rainfall, and sure enough it was extremely low in South Alabama. Like everyone else in this area, we knew January was dry but didn't realize how dry compared to last year. The Elba gauge, located at the 84 Bridge across Pea River, recorded less than an inch this year compared to over 11 for January, 2017. The Lowery Bridge gauge, North of Elba, had an even wider gap, measuring a fraction less than the Elba gauge for this year compared to over 13 inches last year. It appears that the record goes to the Choctawhatchee gauge at Newton that received less than a quarter inch of water this year and over 14 inches last year. Not to worry, February is making up for the shortfall with some areas South of Coffee County reporting minor flooding.

An effort to stop receiving spam e-mails trying to sell some sort of marijuana juice or something has been a total failure. They are now sending out two or three offers per day. Even the so called emergency contact if all else fails . . . also fails. After several weeks of trying, they are still coming faster. It is almost as bad as the girlie trash that embarrasses us even . . . if we venture to open one of them to suggest they remove us from their mailing lists.

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 5, investigated the following incidents: one domestic violence, one burglary, one natural death, one possession of a controlled substance, one menacing, one driving under the influence, and one possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arrests made during the week included: two for animal cruelty, one for failure to appear, one for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for an expired tag, one for failure to dim lights, one for an open container, one for an expired driver's license, two for no insurance, one for a revoked driver's license, and one for not using a seat belt.

**MONDAY, FEB. 5 -**

Domestic disturbance reported at 100 Beaver Dam Apts, B4 (9:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 587 County Rd. 427 (11:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck near 735 County Rd. 353 (11:02 a.m.); Minor 2-vehicle wreck reported near the old Clark Furniture building (4:15 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, FEB. 6 -** Domestic disturbance reported at 1047 Sunset Blvd (2:35 p.m.); Fight reported in the area of 654 Lee St. (6:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1305 Highland Dr. (10:37 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7 -** Elba Fire Department dispatched to 389 Old Samson Rd (6:30 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 550 County Rd. 502 (12:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to

1549 Powell Circle (12:19 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1047 Sunset Blvd (12:41 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEB. 8 -** Coffee County EMS dispatched to 79 County Rd. 210 (1:54 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on Prowler Ave. (10:02 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, FEB. 9 -** Coffee County EMS dispatched to 389 Old Samson Rd. (7:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 440 E. Davis St. (12:08 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, FEB. 10 -** Prowler reported on Farris Ave. (1:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck [vehicle vs deer] on Hwy. 87 near Zion Chapel School (3:44 a.m.).

**SUNDAY, FEB. 11 -** Wreck reported one mile past County Rd 411 on Hwy. 189 (8:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 189 past County Rd. 411 (8:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1733 County Rd. 110 (10:39 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck near 26034 Hwy. 167 N (11:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 957 Carver Dr. (6:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 33875 Hwy. 87 N (8:20 p.m.).

**MONDAY, FEB. 12 -** Wreck reported on Hwy. 189 (12:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1733 County Rd. 110 (1:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck near 26034 Hwy. 167 N (1:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 957 Carver Dr. (6:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 33875 Hwy. 87 N (8:20 p.m.).

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### Report Cards are in for Alabama schools

By Todd Stacy,  
Alabama Daily News

There is exciting news for schools in Alabama. As you probably know, the Alabama Department of Education has now implemented a school grading system that allows families and communities to see just how well their local schools are performing.

Anyone can log on to ALSDE.edu to find an easy-to-understand A-F letter grade for their local schools along with information about how students are progressing in important areas like math, reading and college and career readiness.

Why is that exciting? Because our state education system hasn't had a simple way to measure success in a long time. And, after a state law was enacted six years ago to compel the Alabama Department of Education to create a letter grade system for schools, it has finally been implemented.

Imagine for a moment if ObamaCare or the recently passed tax cuts took six years to implement.

**Bad news is good news**  
It shouldn't surprise anyone that many schools in the state didn't receive stellar grades. Overall, Alabama got a "C."

That's not fun news to be confronted with, but at least now we know. And, knowing the truth about how schools are really performing is the first step to making them better.

For the first time in a long time, parents, teachers, principals and community leaders can be on the same page about how their local schools are serving students.

I once heard former Florida Governor Jeb Bush say that of all the policy changes that helped spur his state's incredible ascent in education quality, implementing an easy-to-understand report card for school performance was the single most important.

How come? Because once parents understand

exactly how their children's schools were really performing, they began demanding better. And nothing - not campaign promises from politicians or the best intentions of education officials - nothing is more powerful toward spurring real change at the local level than informed and determined parents.

**Todd Stacy** 100 percent trust and believe in," he said.

"We own this," Herring told the local news. "We'll transform. Birmingham Schools will continue to rise, but in doing so, we will be accountable."

Woodfin had her back. "I challenge everybody looking to start swimming in the solutions. The beauty of this moment is I'm flanked by a superintendent

and believe in."

With attitudes like that now running things, watch out for Birmingham.

Congratulations to State Rep. Terri Collins of Decatur, who sponsored the

**Hunters' help needed to keep Chronic Wasting Disease out of state of Alabama**

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources reminds hunters that a regulation prohibiting the importation to Alabama of whole carcasses and certain body parts of any deer from a Chronic Wasting Disease-positive state now includes Mississippi.

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks recently announced that a deer in that state has tested positive for CWD. A portion of Mississippi is open to deer hunting through Feb. 15.

Because the most likely way of CWD being introduced to Alabama is through transportation, it has been illegal for decades for live deer to be imported into Alabama. To further combat the potential threat of the introduction of CWD into Alabama, prohibition of the importation of whole carcasses and certain body parts of deer from any CWD-positive state was implemented in 2016.

Parts that may be legally imported to Alabama include:

completely deboned meat; cleaned skull plates with attached antlers, if no visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; upper canine teeth, if no root structure or other soft tissue is present; and finished taxidermy products or tanned hides.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease of white-tailed deer and other deer species, including mule deer, elk and moose. The disease is infectious, communicable, and always fatal for white-tailed deer.

Citizens can assist the

Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries with its CWD monitoring program by reporting any illegal transport of live deer or elk on Alabama's roads and highways.

Call the Operation Game Watch line immediately at 1-800-272-4263 if you see live deer or elk being transported in Alabama.

Deer infected with CWD

will behave abnormally,

often showing little of their normal wariness or fear of humans.

For more information on CWD visit

[www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

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# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly at <[www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)>

## CYNTHIA DENISE WILDER

Ms. Cynthia Denise Wilder, age 57, of Dothan, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

In accordance with her wishes no formal services were held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. served the Wilder family.

Survivors included her daughters: Amanda (Lee Monds) Marler, Elba, Kemberly (Luis Soto) Hunt, Kinston, Ala.; mother: Brunise Smith, Jack, Ala.; companion: Jammie Odom, Dothan; sisters: Belinda Halikias, Levittown, Pa., Sheryl Vaught and Lisa Fenner, both of Enterprise, Ala.; and seven grandchildren.

## JIMMIE LOU WATERS ADAMS

Mrs. Jimmie Lou Waters Adams, age 74, a native of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, at Flowers Hospital of Dothan.

Funeral services were held Feb. 8, 2018 at Shady Grove AME Church, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1943 in Elba to the late John Henry Waters and Catherine Daniels Waters. She received her early education at Mulberry Heights School in Elba.

Jimmie Lou was united in marriage to James Adams on June 22, 1968 in Elba. James preceded Jimmie in death. She also was preceded in death by her father, John Henry Waters; daughter, Angela Denise Waters; and brothers, Leroy, Raymond and Henry Waters.

Survivors include her mother: Catherine Waters, Elba; daughters: Rezella Gray (Prophet Cobie Gray), Daleville, Ala., Zelenna Allen (James), Atlanta, Ga.; three sisters: Lucille Hammonds, Louise Harris (Vernon), Mary Waters, all of Elba; two brothers: James Waters, Elba, Skeeter Waters (Polly), Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and close friends.

## CLARENCE C. BROWN

Mr. Clarence C. Brown, age 65, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11, 2018 at Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

Clarence was born on July 1, 1952 in Elba to the late Cleveland and Vera Mae Brown.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ray Charles Brown; sister, Dorothy Jean White; and nephew, Patrick Deon Brooks.

Survivors include his son: Daniel Edwards, New Brockton, Ala.; his sisters: Willie Mearle Golden, Waterloo, NY, Emma (Richard) Clark, Columbus, Ohio; brothers: Johnny (Darlene) Brown, Elba, David (Joan) Rowe,

Corning, NY; along with his nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

## INZELL THOMAS

Mr. Inzell Thomas, age 76, of Opp, Ala., died recently at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 2018 at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church of Opp with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Inzell was born to the late George and Rebecca Thomas on January 18, 1942 in Opp. Later in life, he married Elvira Ann Gibbs of Attalla, Ala.

Survivors include his children: Darren (Joyce), Ezell, Michael (Cindi), Latoris (Lora), Shaneka, and Cookie; 18 grandchildren; former wife: Elvira; a sister: Lucy Conner (Brier Lee); his nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

## JEWEL FLOWERS

Ms. Jewel Flowers, age 71, of Brundidge, Ala., died recently at Dale Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Feb. 5, 2018 at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church of Brundidge with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Jewel was born to the late Ardenel Flowers and the late Willie C. Amos Flowers on April 16, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her son, Antwain Flowers, one sister, and four brothers.

Jewel graduated from college with a degree in business administration.

Survivors include one daughter: Crystal FaShae (Douglas) Holland; five grandchildren: Ashley, Alexius, Tyliyah, Chelsey, and Vivian; three great-grandchildren: MaKayla, Cashton, and Taylor, all of Brundidge; one sister: Helen Franklin; one god sister: Pearl Harvey; a special niece: Pamela Franklin, all of Brundidge; two sisters-in-law: Velvia Flowers, Brundidge, Carolyn Flowers, Troy; three aunts: Nancy Flowers and Annie Jewel Flowers of Elba, and Georgia Flowers, Brundidge; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## LULA COLSTON

Mrs. Lula Colston, age 70, of Opp, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1947 to the late Johnnie Lee Jones and the late Mary Stallworth Jones in Owassa, Ala.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 2018 at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church of Opp with Coleman Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Troy West and Rev.

Lula was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Isaac Colston on June 28, 1997. Others preceding her in death were her parents, Johnnie and Mary Jones; and two brothers, Calvin and James E. Jones.

Survivors include two sons: Willie Ray (Alisha) Jones, Dothan, Ala., Donald Ray (Tiara) Jones, Opp; five brothers: David Jones, Wille (Vatis Ann)

Jones and Johnny (Telma J) Jones, all of Rochester, NY, Lemmon and Fred Jones, both of Evergreen, Ala.; sisters-in-law: Maple Nelson, Alice White, Marion Jenkins Colstons, and Jeanette (Joe) Merrills, all of Opp; four grandchildren: Brooklyn Jones, Azabin Johnson, Harmony Jones and Karson Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Kevin Kelly speaking and Kendall Glover directing. The family requests contributions be made to Wiregrass Humane Society, P O Box 1045, Dothan, AL 36302.

Dr. Taylor was born March 4, 1943 in Elba, Ala. He was a 1961 graduate of Elba High School and later received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1967 from Auburn University. He also earned a PhD in Comparative Pathology at the University of Missouri in 1972. He became a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Pathology in 1975. Dr. Taylor was part of the inaugural faculty at the LSU College of Veterinary Medicine where he served as Professor of Pathology for almost 30 years.

In 2005, he retired and moved to Dothan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Eskar and Addie Lou Morgan Taylor.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years: Gail W. Taylor, Dothan; a son: LTC (U.S. Army) Brett Taylor, Germany; two sisters: Shirley Nelson, Dothan, and Jennifer Napier (Ken), Dothan; a grandson: William Taylor [and his mother, Stacy Taylor], Frederick, Md.; a special aunt: Louise Moon, Dothan; a special cousin: Marion Morrow, Dothan; along with numerous friends and extended relatives.

**MONROE RICHARDSON**

Mr. Monroe Richardson, age 81, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home & Cremations.

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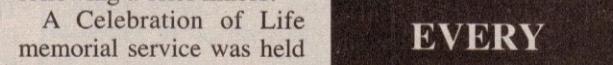
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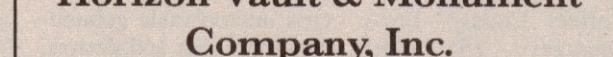
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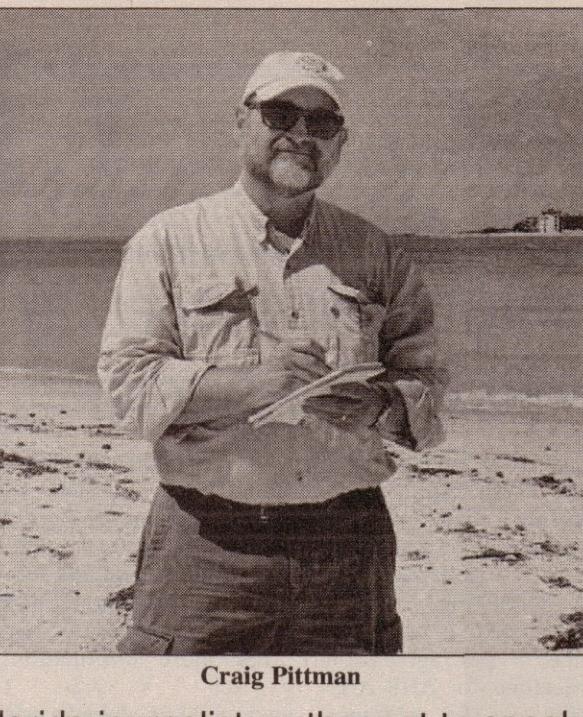


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Craig Pittman

Florida journalist, author set to speak at Troy University on Monday, Feb. 19

Craig Pittman, a Florida environmental journalist,

investigative reporter and author who is a Troy graduate, will speak Monday, Feb. 19, at Troy University's annual journalism symposium.

Pittman's topic will be "How to Be the Most Destructive Force on Campus: The truth may set you free, but don't expect everyone to like it." It is a reference to criticism he received during his time as a student journalist.

The public is invited to the symposium, which will take place at 10 a.m. in the ballrooms of the Trojan Center on the Troy Campus. Admission is free.

Pittman was born in Pensacola, Fla., and graduated from what was then Troy State University. He worked for two student newspapers, *The Tropolian* and *The Paper*, from 1978 to 1981.

Since then, he says, he has "covered a variety of newspaper beats and quite a few natural disasters, including hurricanes, wildfires and the Florida Legislature."

Pittman has reported on environmental issues since 1998 for Florida's largest newspaper, the Tampa Bay Times.

He won the Waldo Proffitt Award for Distinguished Environmental Journalism in Florida four times, and twice won the top investigative reporting award from the Society of Environmental Journalists.

He has also won three first-place "Charlie" awards from the Florida Magazine Association for stories he freelanced for

in 1980 until his death in 2015.

The Feb. 19 event is the University's M. Stanton Evans Symposium on Money, Politics and the Media, named for a TROY faculty member who was a national columnist, commentator, book author, and editor of the Indianapolis News. Stan Evans held the University's Buchanan Chair of Journalism from 1980 until his death in 2015.

"Craig has a constructive definition of 'destructive,'" said Steve Stewart, assistant professor of journalism and faculty adviser to the *Tropolian*. "Journalism should be lively and get people's attention. It should tell the truth and serve the public. Some people would be happy for journalists to publish fake news if it's flattering or supports their agendas. Fact-based journalism is the furthest thing imaginable from fake news."

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# LIFESTYLES

## Pre-registration underway for Elba's Pre-K program

Elba City Schools First Class Pre-K program is preparing for another exciting school year! Pre-registration is underway now until March 15th.

The school is accepting online pre-registration applications for 2018-2019 school year (for assistance with accessing online application contact Elba City Schools Pre-K Program office at 334-897-2814). Internet access for registration is provided at Elba Elementary School Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. There also will be a night session available for parents on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

Enrollment is open to all children age 4 [on or before Sept. 2, 2018] who are residents of the state of Alabama (children who are eligible for Kindergarten are ineligible). Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office). Enrollees must provide proof of residence-either a current utility bill or copy of a lease or mortgage (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office)

Public school system Pre-K programs may have zoning requirements that determine eligibility to attend a program (contact Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office).

There is no registration fee. Upon enrollment, the child's immunization record must be provided.

No child will be denied participation on basis on income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

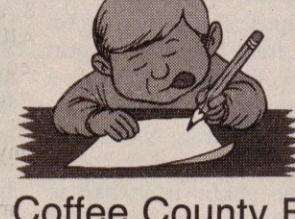
**Deadline  
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Lifestyles  
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Monday  
before 5 p.m.**

To access the registration forms, go online to <https://alprek.asapconnecte.com>. Complete the Pre-Registration Form and submit birth certificate and proof of residence.

For more information, visit [www.children.alabama.gov](http://www.children.alabama.gov) and see Pre-Registration information under First Class Pre-K.

Acceptance is strictly through random drawing to be held Friday, March 16. Parent/Guardian does not have to be present at drawing.

Notices will be emailed beginning Monday, April 16.



## Coffee County EMA and American Red Cross set to sponsor Shelter Fundamentals training on March 3rd

Do you want to help your friends and neighbors during hurricanes and other severe weather events?

During these weather events many people in the community and even surrounding states look for more secure areas to take shelter from the storms. In Coffee County, leaders would like to be able to open shelters, safe havens, or even a refuge of last resort.

Those interested in helping to make sure this happens are encouraged to attend an upcoming training the Coffee County EMA office is sponsoring with the

American Red Cross.

The Shelter Fundamentals training will be held Saturday, March 3, at 9 a.m. at the Coffee County EMA, located at 1065 N. McKinnon St., New Brockton.

Interested participants can sign up here: <http://www.coffeecounty.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=121>. Go to the link on the side that says "Sign-up form"

Also, while visiting the website, why not sign up for our Emergency Alert System too at <http://www.coffeecounty.us/239/Emergency-Management> (Bottom of page)

## Viewing of short film shot at Landmark Park set for Feb. 18th at AMC Dothan 6 Theater

On Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m., AMC Dothan 6 Theater (3489 Ross Clark Circle) will host a viewing of "The Staying Kind," a short film about a Civil War bride's experiences on the home front.

This film was shot at Landmark Park and was written, directed and stars Dothan native Rachel Hendrix. Rachel will attend the screening and will be available to talk with visitors.

Seating is limited and advance tickets are required. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased by calling Landmark Park at 334-794-3452.

Proceeds benefit Landmark Park. (Film runtime is 25 minutes)

Visit [www.thestayingkindfilm.com](http://www.thestayingkindfilm.com) for a behind the scenes look at The Staying Kind.

Landmark Park is a 135-acre natural science and history museum located on the outskirts of Dothan. Features of the park include nature trails, a planetarium, playground, picnic areas, an elevated boardwalk, a turn-of-the-century farmstead with sheep, chickens, cows and other farm animals and crops typical of an 1890s farm.

The park is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The park is located on U.S. Hwy 431 North, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle.

For more info, call 334-794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com).

## Coffee County EMA set to present free "Civilian Response to an Active Shooter" workshop

Feb. 24th at Elba United Methodist Church

A workshop on Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Event will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9-11 a.m. in the Education Building of the Elba United Methodist Church, 503 West Davis Street, Elba, AL.

The Coffee County EMA Office will present the free workshop. Those attending this free event will learn how to better protect themselves in an active shooter event in various situations.

The instructor will be Jeff Spence, the Chief of Security for ESCC.

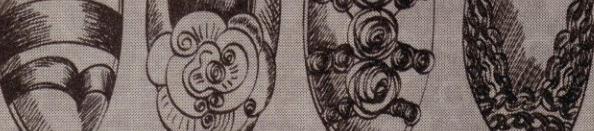
For more information call the Coffee County EMA office at 334-894-5375.

## First Responders encouraged to attend March 1st Coffee County LEPC meeting

Coffee County EMA encourages all First Responders to attend the next Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting set for Thursday, March 1, at 10 a.m. in the community room [next to the EMA offices] of the county complex in New Brockton.

Jay Spurlin of S&P communications will be the guest speaker. He will discuss interoperable communication needs and desires, and the county's current digital communications system and upgrades being made to it.

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## Coffee County Habitat's Annual Father-Daughter Banquet set for Friday, Feb. 23rd, in Enterprise

The Coffee County Habitat for Humanity will present its 8th annual Father – Daughter Banquet on Friday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

This event will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Enterprise, Ala. All proceeds will go to the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity.

Tickets are \$100 for Father – Daughter; second daughter is an additional \$30; and third daughter is an additional \$10. The

maximum charge is \$140.

Mail checks to: Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 311354, Enterprise, AL 36331.

Attire for the banquet is semi-formal for Dads; Sunday or Party Dress for Girls. The recommended ages are 4-16.

Contact Ashley Avery at (334) 208-1108 for more information or to make reservations. She can also be reached by email at: [ashleyavery@roadrunner.com](mailto:ashleyavery@roadrunner.com).

## DAV Wiregrass Chapter #99 to meet Feb. 23rd in New Brockton

Chapter 99's Veterans Assistance office is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., except on Federal holidays.

The office is located in the New Brockton Town Hall.

All CSO's have completed certification during January 2018 in Auburn, Ala.

## Registration & Picture Day for Miss Elba Pageants set for Saturday, April 7, 2018

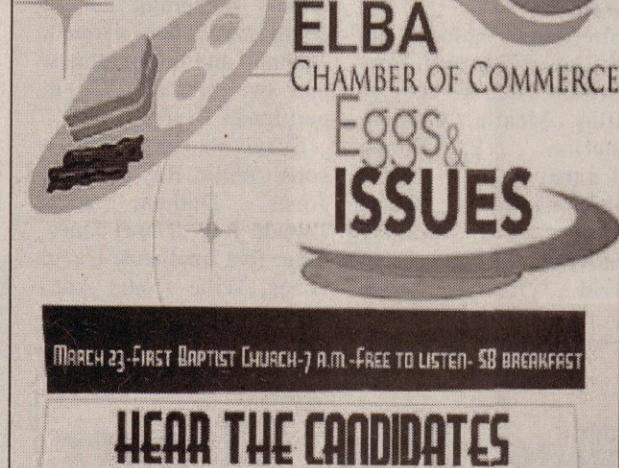
Miss [9th-10th grades]; and Miss [17-21 years].

Registration at 4 p.m. will be for Baby Miss [0-18 months]; Toddler Miss [19-36 months]; and Tiny Miss [3-4 years]; Petite Miss [2nd-3rd grades]; Young Miss [4th-6th grades]; and Teen Miss [7th-8th grades].

To register early or for more information, contact Lauren Davis at (334) 282-4897 or [misselbapageants@gmail.com](mailto:misselbapageants@gmail.com).



Elba High School band director Shaun Hammonds (right) is shown with Troy King (left), candidate for the office of Alabama Attorney General. King, a native of Elba, kicked off his campaign for Alabama AG last Thursday, Feb. 15, at the National Security Conference Center in Elba. Hammonds said it was great to learn that King truly loves Alabama and cherishes his hometown of Elba! "An awesome fact is he is a former trumpet player with the Elba Marching Tiger Band, and he was so glad to hear how the tradition of excellence continues with our band program," Hammonds said.



## Elba Chamber sets date for "Eggs and Issues" meeting

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "Eggs & Issues" meeting Friday morning, March 23, inside the social hall of Elba First Baptist Church.

With this being an election year, the Chamber encourages political candidates seeking office to sign up to speak during the meeting. Each candidate will have a timed allotment

of 3-minutes to address the audience.

The event is set to begin at 7 a.m. It is free to come and listen to the speakers.

For those [only] who wish to enjoy breakfast, the cost will be \$8. To sign-up for the breakfast, call the Elba Chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

Again, the cost is only for those wishing to eat breakfast fast during the meeting.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Reverend Dwight Johnson**  
First Assembly of God

### MISSING SOMETHING?

This is Valentine's week! This Wednesday, we told and showed those we love how much they mean to us. But, if we only do so on an annual basis, something is dreadfully missing.

We've all heard of the wife who asked her husband "Do you still love me?" The answer: "Sure I do". "We'll then, tell me you do" she replied. His response: "I told you that when we married. If anything changes, I'll let you know".

Sadly, this is too often true in marriages. Hurts and offenses cause spouses to put up a non emotional wall. Couples are afraid to trust one another. Transparency becomes clouded for "safety" reasons. Something is missing.

The antidote for this is found in Ephesians 5:25-28. Paul said "...husbands.... love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love to himself". Yes, in verse 22 wives are instructed to submit to their husbands "as to The Lord", and in verse 21 both are admonished to "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ". Boiling it all down, this basically means:

1. Husbands, lead your family. Willingly take responsibility for them. Let your wife and children know by your words and actions that you are determined to do whatever it takes to care for them, because they are that important to you. This includes spiritual leadership. Lead by example. Wives find it easier to follow when there is a servant leader.

2. Wives, let your husband lead. Don't nag him. Leadership is sometimes frightening, as husbands "get their feet wet", stepping into the uncertain and unknown for the good of those they love. Support your husband. Pray for him. Love him.

3. Work together. You're a team, and on the same side. So, this Valentine's Day and every day, be open and transparent with those you love. Show love with words, but also with actions. Love by example. Love with the noble, giving love of Jesus.

### Black History Health and Wellness Seminar set for Feb. 17 in Enterprise

The Southeast District YWA Red Circles will host a Black History Health and Wellness Seminar on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala.

The program is free and open to the public. There will be blood pressure screenings by Troy University student nurses.

The program coordinator is Mary Riley (334)

477-3816.

Seminar coordinators are Delia Reynolds, RN (334-655-1246), and Barbara Richards, RN, MSN (205-292-2131) of Southeast District Health and Wellness.

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### Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. plans to honor pastor with special appreciation service

The 27th Pastoral Appreciation Service for Pastor William K. Ellison and Lady Sara Ellison will take place on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3:30 p.m.

The service will be at Harris Temple COGIC, 747 Adams Avenue, Elba. Special guest speaker will

be Superintendent LoEarl Flowers, Greenville District, pastor of New Philadelphia (Elba) and Greenwood COGIC (Greenville).

For more information contact Deacon James and Sonya Wright, or Michael and Connie Banks.



### Basin 4 Him set to perform at Friendship Baptist Church, Samson, quarterly sing

Friendship Baptist Church, located at 3075 Coffee County Road 460, Samson, Ala., will host its Quarterly Sing on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m.

Basin 4 Him Quartet, a ministry of Basin Baptist Church, will be sharing its musical ministry and talents.

All are invited to attend and stay after the program for finger foods in the fellowship hall.

### First Baptist New Brockton and Calvary Baptist announce Joint Revival Services

First Baptist Church New Brockton and Calvary Baptist Church, Enterprise, will join together for Joint Revival Services on Sunday, Feb. 25, through Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The speaker will be international evangelist Don Graham, Clanton, Ala., and worship leader will be Chris Diffey, music minister of Lakeside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The Sunday, Feb. 25, and Monday, Feb. 26, services will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 1837 Hwy. 51, Enterprise. Service times are 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Monday.

The Tuesday, Feb. 27,

and Wednesday, Feb. 28, services will be at First Baptist Church New Brockton, 105 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton. Service time each night is 7 p.m.

**Attend the  
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## Church Directory

### COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor

Bible Study . . . . . 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship . . . . . 9:45 a.m.

Worship . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

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DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan-Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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EATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . . . 6:15 p.m.

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ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study . . . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

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ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . . . 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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BETHHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

Tue. Bible Study . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

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BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train . . . . . 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

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BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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BROOKLYN BAPT. CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

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CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST

Rev. Remonia Smith

Church Service . . . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

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CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills-Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

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ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

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HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

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HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . . .



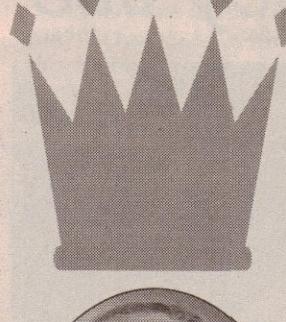
# Miss Zion Chapel Pageants set for Saturday, Feb. 17th

The Miss Zion Chapel Pageants will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium beginning at 2 p.m. (all divisions).

Admission will be \$5 per person, and will cover both pageants. Programs will be available for purchase.

Also, do not forget to vote for the Viewer's Choice award at the auditorium entrance.

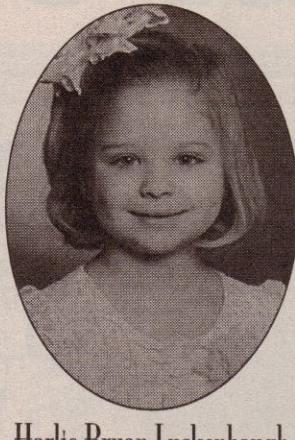
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Future Little Miss contestant



Kinsley Rae Pinckard  
Little Miss contestant



Harlie Bryan Luckenbaugh  
Little Miss contestant



Sophia MaKenzie Reddoch  
Little Miss contestant



Cally Raelyn McWaters  
Little Miss contestant



Whittney Allexis Childs  
Junior Miss contestant



Jaylyn Dimya Baker  
Teen Miss contestant



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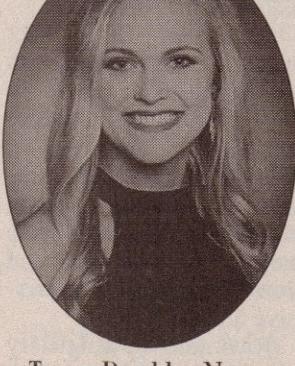
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Frances Brayton Martin  
Miss contestant



Hailey Nichole Grant  
Miss contestant



Turner Brooklyn Norris  
Miss contestant

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of the things the local forestry office had done over the year, including fighting fires and educational programs.

Piland said his main purpose in addressing commissioners during Monday's meeting was to ask the county to donate a pickup truck it was planning to sell to the county forestry office.

Commissioners granted his request, and they voted to donate a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado to the forestry office.

County engineer Randy Tindell had a few items to bring before commissioners for approval.

Upon his request, commissioners approved two separate motions allowing the chairman to enter in funding agreements with the department of transportation for resurfacing projects. The first was for County Road 479 in the Kinston area from the

Geneva county line to Highway 51. The second project was for County Road 342 from Highway 87 to County Road 349.

Tindell explained to commissioners that the company the county had contracted with for many years to service the caution lights around the county had gone out of business.

He said this company would change the bulbs, etc.

With that said, Tindell asked commissioners to approve an agreement with the City of Enterprise for the city to now service the caution lights throughout the county. This was approved unanimously.

The final item the county engineer had for commissioners during Monday's meeting was for them to approve allowing him to place three vehicles on GovDeals.com for sale. This included two pickup trucks and one blazer.

Commissioners voted to advertise these vehicles for sale on the website.

County administrator Rod Morgan had only two items for commissioners to consider during the meeting. He noted each had been discussed in detail during work session gatherings.

Upon the administrator's recommendation, commissioners voted to execute an agreement for an interconnection between the Coffee County Water Authority and the City of Elba to the Ben E. Keith processing plant.

Also, commissioners voted to execute a contract with Coffee County Community Corrections for its services.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Feb. 26, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



**THE POWERSOUTH ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS FOR ELBA HIGH SCHOOL**  
were: Winner- A'Quandria Roberson; Runner Up- Ashley Williams; 1st Alternate- Denyia Wilkerson; 2nd Alternate- Desten Coone; and 3rd Alternate- Sandra Lindsey

## Elba baseball season kickoff event set for Saturday, Feb. 24th

The Elba High School Diamond Club is ready to kick off the 2018 Baseball Season for the Elba Tigers in style.

The annual kick off celebration for the Elba baseball program will be Saturday, Feb. 24, at Elba High School. The celebration will feature the Old-Timers vs. Rookies Hit-a-Thon and Baseball Game.

This will be a fun-filled day for the entire family to enjoy!

Registration for the Old-

Timers Hit-a-Thon begins at 9:30 a.m. The fee is \$25. The Hit-a-Thon begins at 10 a.m.

Anyone not in school can enter. Participants will be given 15 swings each. Prizes will be awarded for the longest hit and most hits.

Lunch break will begin at 12 noon.

For those interested, tickets are on sale now for purchase of a ribeye steak sandwich plate for \$7 each. The plates will include a

ribeye steak sandwich, chips, and dessert. Plates can be picked up on the 24th from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. [eat at the field or take it home].

Tickets for the steak plates can be purchased from any member of the Elba JV or Varsity Baseball team.

At 1 p.m., the Old-Timers vs. Rookies Baseball game will begin.

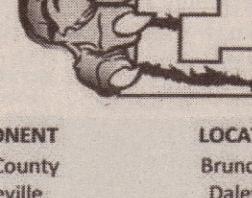
Head Coach is Glen Johnson and Assistant Coach is Johnny Dyess.

## Elba Tigers



### JV Baseball Schedule

## Elba Tiger 2018 Varsity Baseball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
FEBRUARY 20	Kinston (DH)	Kinston	4:00
FEBRUARY 22	Pike County	Brundidge	4:30
FEBRUARY 26	Goshen	Elba	6:00
FEBRUARY 27	Dale County	Dothan (Hits for Heroes)	TBD
MARCH 1	Red Level	Elba	6:00
MARCH 9/10	Tiger/Squadron Classic	Highland Home/Luverne	TBD
MARCH 15	New Brockton	Elba	4:30
MARCH 16	New Brockton (DH)	New Brockton	4:30
MARCH 19	Daleville	Elba	6:00
MARCH 22	Ariton	Ariton	4:30
MARCH 23	Red Level	Red Level	6:00
MARCH 26	Kinston (DH)	Elba	2:00
MARCH 27	Goshen	Goshen	2:00
APRIL 5	Samson	Samson	4:30
APRIL 10	Luverne	Luverne	5:00
APRIL 12	Zion Chapel	Zion Chapel	4:30
APRIL 13	Zion Chapel (DH)	Elba	4:30
APRIL 17	Highland Home	Highland Home	4:30
APRIL 21/22	Playoffs Round 1	TBD	TBD
APRIL 28/29	Playoffs Round 2	TBD	TBD
MAY 5/6	Playoffs Round 3	TBD	TBD
MAY 12/14	Playoffs Semi-Finals	TBD	TBD
MAY 17/18	State Finals	Montgomery	TBD

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FEBRUARY 20	Pike County	Brundidge	4:30
FEBRUARY 26	Goshen	Elba	4:00
MARCH 1	Red Level	Elba	4:00
MARCH 2-3	Goshen Tournament	Goshen	TBD
MARCH 8	Ariton	Ariton	4:30
MARCH 12	Highland Home	Highland Home	4:30
MARCH 13	New Brockton (DH)	Elba	4:30
MARCH 19	Daleville	Elba	4:30
MARCH 20	New Brockton (DH)	New Brockton	4:00
MARCH 21	Red Level	Red Level	4:00
MARCH 24	Ariton	Elba	11:00

# SPORTS

## Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson hinted last week that valentines are really 'kind of for girls,' but said that he was going to hand them out to all his classmates and hoped he would get a lot of cards that had suckers with them. Candy is never in short supply at our house, and I am sure he will have something waiting the next time he comes to visit.*

*For what it is worth....*

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers claimed the area tournament title last week with an easy win over New Brockton to improve their record to 14-6. The Tigers third win over the Gamecocks was much like the first two as they took command early and coasted in with the victory over their cross-county rivals. Elba's quickness on both ends of the court was a major factor in the win, as was the Tigers overall depth and determination. The win put Elba only one win away from the South Region tournament, which would be quite an accomplishment for a team that starts only one senior.*

\*\*\* *The Elba Lady Tigers also added the area tournament title to their regular season crown and upped their record to 11-6 in the process. The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start in the championship game win over Zion Chapel, but used its quickness and aggressive style of play to take charge in the second quarter, and then simply did what they do best – win. The win puts the Lady Tigers one win away from an appearance at the South Region, and that would be something to brag about for this team of young ladies that have grown up together on the court.*

\*\*\* *Teams across the area were also on the court last week looking to advance, with New Brockton and Brantley moving on to sub-region play on the boys side, and Kinston, Zion Chapel and Brantley all advancing in girls play. New Brockton defeated Zion Chapel to earn the right to advance and Brantley downed Red Level, while Kinston surprised Houston County to punch its ticket, while Brantley won its area over Georgiana and Zion Chapel downed New Brockton to move on. That's a lot of teams that earned the right to advance, and means much more excitement for the players and their fans.*

\*\*\* *The high school baseball and softball seasons are right around the corner, if the rain ever stops, and here in Elba both the Tigers and Lady Tigers are looking for improvement both on the field and in the scorebooks. The Tigers will be young in spots and aren't filled with experience, but are proud to wear the black and gold and will no doubt battle in every game they play, while the Lady Tigers are looking to turn the program around after a couple of down years and expect to be competitive every time they take the field. The success of the basketball teams kept a number of players from both teams on the court, and off the field, a little longer than expected, but the players and all athletes and will get back to full speed quickly.*

\*\*\* *In closing.... Almost 80 applications were received for the vacant head football post at Elba High and the interview process began last week. While there is no real timeline, a new coach is hoped to be onboard by the end of the month. I have heard lots of names, including some from area schools, but won't pass them on since they may not want their fans, or more importantly, their administration, to know they applied. One thing is for sure, it has been fun to listen to those who think they know what is happening when nothing could be more from the truth.*

# SPORTS



Improve record to 11-6

## Lady Tigers claim area tourney title

The Elba Lady Tigers made it a clean sweep of area crowns last week as they defeated the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 55-28 in the finals of the Class 2A, Area 4 tournament to add the tournament title to the regular season crown.

Elba jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead in the opening quarter on baskets by Kira Starks and Sandrea Lindsey, but failed to score again for almost five minutes and watched as the Lady Rebels grabbed a 7-4 lead as Willow Johnson scored four points and Lexi Rugg drained a long 3-pointer.

Elba's Laken Cooks scored two buckets late in the quarter to put the Lady Tigers back on top 8-7 by the end of the stanza, and when Sandrea Lindsey connected from behind the arc Elba was back in command with a 13-7 advantage.

A 3-pointer by Zion Chapel's Alannah Bunce cut the Elba lead to 13-10 with 6:40 left in the half, but the Lady Tigers went on an 8-2 run to move ahead 21-12 with 3:57 left in the quarter, and after a long 3-pointer by Breanna Sanders late in the quarter carried a big 28-15 advantage in at the half.

Elba's lead grew to 33-

16 early in the third quarter behind the scoring of A'Maysia Whitfield and Laken Cooks, and then went to 24-points only moments later as a 3-pointer by Cooks sparked a 7-0 run that put the Lady Tigers on top 40-16 with 2:35 remaining in the quarter.

Elba's Laken Cooks and Kira Starks sparked an 8-0 run early in the fourth quarter that enabled the Lady Tigers to stretch their lead to 52-18 with 4:55 left on the clock, and while Zion Chapel outscored the Lady Tiger reserves 10-3 in the closing minutes behind the play of Janna Miles, Elba

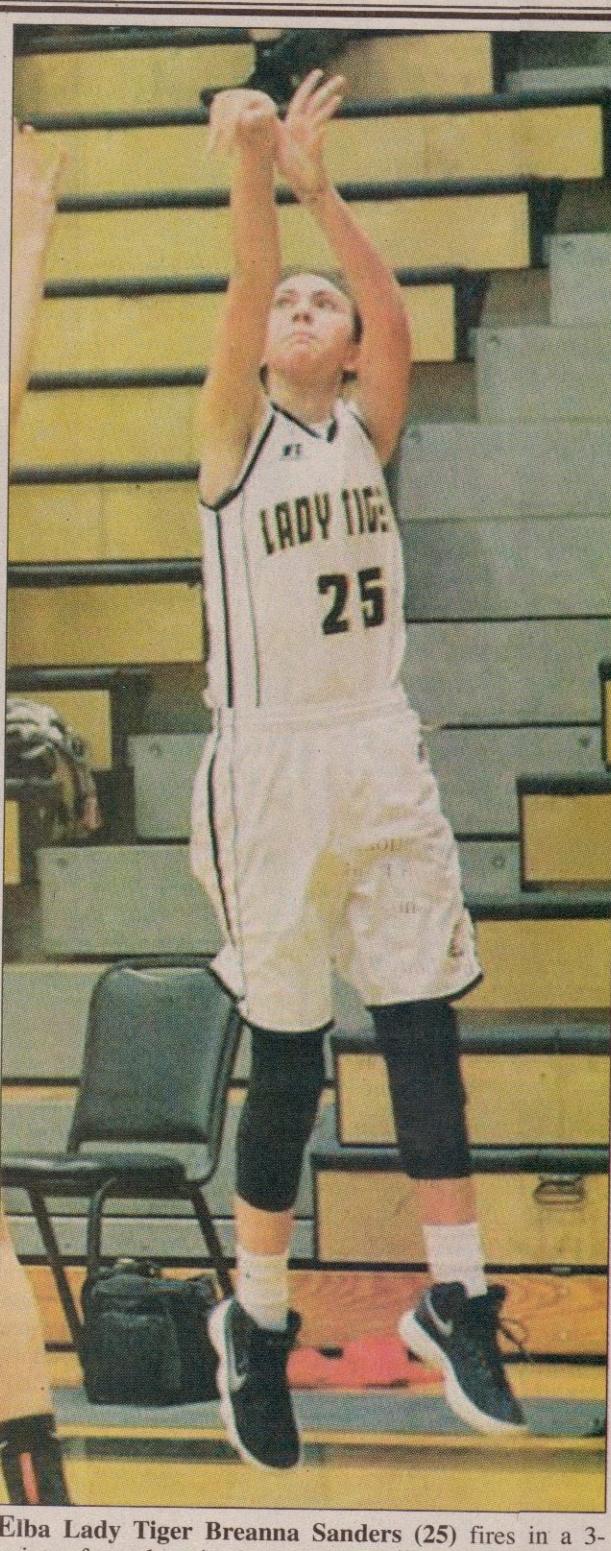
easily held on to claim the tournament title with the 55-28 win.

Laken Cooks scored 19 points and Sandrea Lindsey added 11 to lead Elba, while Janna Miles led Zion Chapel with 7 points.

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**Elba (55):** Cooks 19, Starks 8, N. Williams 2, Lindsey 11, M. Williams 5, Hooks 2, Sanders 5, Whitfield 4.

**Z.C. (28):** Baker 4, Rugg 5, Roberts 2, Falls 2, Miles 7, Johnson 5, Bunce 3.



Elba Lady Tiger Breanna Sanders (25) fires in a 3-pointer from deep in the corner in last week's win over Zion Chapel.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

## Following the... TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### Class 1A, Area 2

#### Girls:

##### **Lady Bulldogs stun Houston County 38-35**

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs avenged two regular season losses in a 38-35 upset win over Houston County, in the tourney opener. Kassady Cardwell scored 15 points, all coming on 3-pointers, to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Emilee Patterson added 10 points and Faith Peters grabbed 15 rebounds. Faith Hogan scored 23 points to lead Houston County.

##### **Kinston Lady Bulldogs fall in finals 51-23**

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 51-23 loss to Pleasant Home, in the tournament finals. Emilee Patterson scored 12 points to lead Kinston, while River Baldwin scored 30 points for Pleasant Home.



**BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOGS**

### Class 1A, Area 3

#### Girls:

##### **Brantley rolls past Highland Home 56-31**

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs tipped off tournament action with an impressive 56-31 win over Highland Home. Olivia Jones scored 29 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Gabby Perkins pulled down 12 rebounds.

##### **Brantley knocks off Georgiana 48-40**

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs reached the 20-win plateau and claimed the tournament title with an exciting 48-40 win over Georgiana. Turney MVP Olivia Jones scored 13 points and Cassidy Wilcox added 11 to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Mia Crenshaw scored 8 points to lead Georgiana.

#### Boys:

##### **Brantley Bulldogs fall to Georgiana 59-55**

The Brantley Bulldogs gave the third-ranked Georgiana Panthers all they could handle in a 59-55 loss, in the tourney finals. Ja'Michael Stallworth scored 30 points to lead the Panthers, while Lecedric Haynes and Jaheim Powell both added 10 points.

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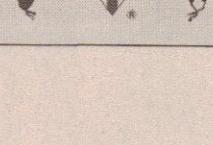
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**Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton addresses** a large crowd in attendance for the Coffee County Republicans meeting Monday night in Enterprise. The sheriff provided stats from his three terms in office and officially kicked off his campaign for a 4th term.

## SUTTON

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contract medical staff, and corrections K9, as well as, the addition of an aviation unit [four volunteer pilots, and one volunteer mechanic], Project Life Saver, mounted search and rescue unit, a rescue boat for the county, UTV, unmanned aircraft system, and offender watch, sex offender registration and community notification.

Sheriff Sutton said all his deputies are equipped with patrol rifles, and tasers; vehicles are equipped with laptop computers for reporting, traffic, investigations, etc.; and the office has an FBI National Academy graduate, a firearms instructor, active shooter instructors, church security training, specialized narcotics training, and hazardous materials certified deputies (meth labs).

Another stat Sheriff Sutton said he is very proud of is the volunteer units. He said the sheriff's office has 25 reserve deputies on board with five APOST Certified, and a 25 person Mounted Search and Rescue Posse.

He said all time is volunteered from these dedicated public servants, and they supply their own uniforms and equipment.

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Sutton said these units provide invaluable additional security at school sporting events, and assistance with the patrol division as needed.

"I am looking forward to another four years as sheriff," Sutton said as he concluded the statistics portion of his speech. "We don't just work...we are a family out there. There is not another county that I wouldn't put our people against."

In January, Sutton was elected president of the Alabama Sheriff's Association, and he said that is not only an honor for him, but it also would place Coffee County in the forefront of the state over the next year.

Sutton officially 'kicked off' his re-election campaign Monday night at the Coffee County Republicans meeting.

"We're in this race to win," Sutton said. "We're going out there to campaign hard, and I believe we've earned the respect of the county. You've put me in office three times, and I'm asking you to put me back for a fourth term."

Sutton said if re-elected, he would continue to do the best job he can to keep the people protected in this county. He said his priorities continue to be children, adults, and animals.

A couple of issues he said he would continue to work on to find help for the counties include jail overcrowding and the mentally ill. He said more facilities are needed at the state level on both of these to keep the lack of somewhere to take

these people from falling back on the counties.

The sheriff said the fight against the illegal use of drugs would remain a priority for him as sheriff. He said meth was the big problem when he first took office, and while that has been combated some, the big issue now is illegal use of prescription drugs.

"We've made 2,025 drug arrests with me as sheriff," Sutton said. "That is a lot of drug arrests, and I will tell you the conviction rate is greater than 95 percent. That comes from the DA's office - those guys to a great job."

A resident of Enterprise for more than 30 years, Sutton has served as sheriff for the past 12 years. He thanked his wife for being in attendance Monday evening to help him get his campaign officially underway, and he thanked his staff for their hard work and dedication to the people of this county every day. He said these people are the true heroes as they go into the fight each and every day to work to protect Coffee County's citizens.

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Philip's wife of 19 years, Paige (Pruit) has a Bachelor's degree from Auburn University and is a teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School in Enterprise. Philip and Paige have three children - Brantley (17), a senior at Enterprise High School; Bryson (14), a freshman at Enterprise High School; and Brewer (9), a third grader at Hillcrest in Enterprise.

"I bring a unique combination of skills, leadership, and hands on experience that will enable me to meet and exceed expectations in a professional and compassionate way," Box said. "I am excited about this opportunity to serve and would appreciate your prayers and vote on June 5th in the Republican Primary."

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## EXHIBIT

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taries, and presentations and talks.

"Now that Coffee County has a date and location for the exhibition, we will begin to reach out to our county citizens to assist," said Bynum. "As you can imagine, planning and working this historic event will take many volunteers."

The exhibit will debut on March 5 at the state capitol in Montgomery in the Supreme Court Library. It will be on dis-

play until March 30, and then it will begin to tour the state.

The full exhibit schedule and locations can be found online. The exhibition is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information on the exhibit, call 205-558-3992 or visit makingalabama.org.

To get more information locally contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Main Street and Visit Elba 334-897-3125.

## Troy King announces candidacy for Alabama's Attorney General during event in Elba last Thursday morning

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Troy King came home to Elba last Thursday, Feb. 8, to announce his entry into the Alabama Attorney General race.

The announcement event was held at the National Security conference center.

King served as AG for six years before losing a re-election bid. Early in his announcement remarks he said he was, "Doing it

because I love Alabama."

He added that he thinks it is time to begin to fix what is wrong with this state.

The former Attorney General has maintained a private law practice since leaving the AG office in 2010.

King signed his qualification papers that are required to seek office and addressed a crowd of approximately 100 supporters at the Elba event.

He was appointed Attorney General to an unexpired term in 2004 and then filled the office for four years as the elected AG from 2006 until 2010.

Referring to the culture of corruption that has clouded state government recently, he said, "the last eight years have been filled with politicians putting their own interests ahead of ours. We watched as politicians passed a new ethics law which they thought nobody would notice when they turned around and broke it."

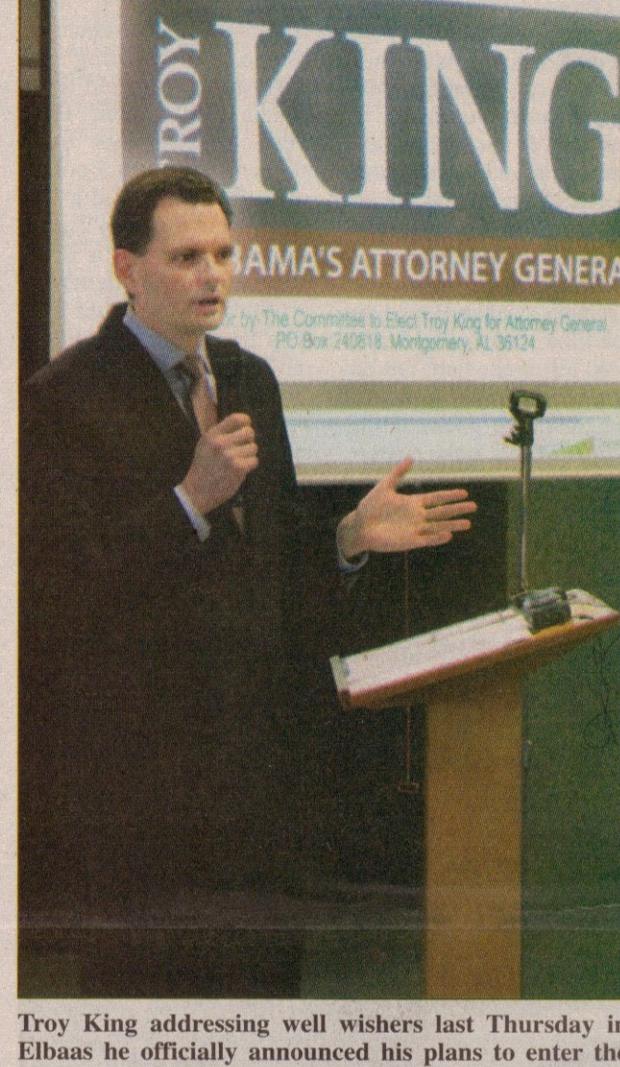
Always an outspoken supporter of victims of crime, he noted he has attended more than 50 parole hearings since going into private practice, and he said he has been there to object to the release of violent criminals.

"I have been there to stand with victims of crime over and over before the Board of Pardons and Paroles," King said. "I have stood against the release of some of our state's most brutal and heinous criminals."

He explained that his campaign will focus on his intent to work closely with law enforcement officials to prosecute violent criminals and to restore integrity and respect to the State of Alabama.

"We have been the butt of embarrassing jokes for too long," King said. "I think it is time for that to end."

Three others also are seeking the Republican nomination. The winner of the Republican primary will then meet the Democrat candidate in the November General Election.



Troy King addressing well wishers last Thursday in Elba. He officially announced his plans to enter the race for Alabama Attorney General

## New Hope Community resident arrested Tuesday, Feb. 13, on federal gun charges

Authorities arrested a New Hope Community resident earlier this week on federal gun charges.

According to Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, Bradley [Brad] Neal Eagerton, age 36, of the New Hope Community in Coffee County was subject to a vehicle search Dec. 13, 2016 by Coffee County Narcotics Investigators and ALEA Investigators. He said a search of Eagerton's vehicle revealed a rifle.

"The case was forwarded to the Alabama Tobacco and Firearms Agency [ATF], which presented the case to the Federal Grand Jury," Whitworth said. "Eagerton was indicted."

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, this week, Coffee County Investigators, ALEA Agents,

## NOTICE:

Due to our attendance at a day-long conference, The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, Feb. 16 (tomorrow).

The office will be open at 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19th.



LOCAL FARMER DREXEL BROWN recently became the owner of two baby calves when one of his cows gave birth to twins during the blizzard of 2018 - Twin heifer calves. Their names are Annabelle and Clarabelle! Interestingly this is not Brown's first set of twins. He was the excited owner of another set several years ago.